RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international seminar on women's issues today was held at New Delhi in February, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the main observations and suggestions made at the seminar; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Women & Child Development is not aware.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise.

Allocation for Repair of Roads in Tamil Nadu

3306. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the allocation made and the amount released for the repair of National Highways in Tamil Nadu during 1988-89;

(b) whether any urgent work has suffered due to financial constraints;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the annual allocation is proposed to be raised; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Rs. 718.50 lakhs has been released.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) No further sum is proposed to be released during the remaining period of 1988-89.

Merger of Pak Occupied Kashmir with Jammu and Kashmir

3307. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what follow up action, in accordance with the Shimla Agreement has been taken by the Government of India for the merger of Pak occupied areas of Jammu and Kashmir with the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and the only issue that remains is that of the vacation of Indian territory under Pakistan's illegal occupation. This, and our view that all matters between the two countries should be resolved bilaterally and in accordance with the Shimla Agreement has been made known to Pakistan on a number of occasions.

Closing Down of the School for the Disabled Children

3308. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special school for the severely disabled children is being run by the Institute for the Physically Handicapped at 4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to close down this school; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what alternative arrangements are being made for the education/training of the handicapped/disabled children studying there?